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The Citizens Advisory Board Presents Neighborfest at Jeffers Park on Saturday, June 25th

KANKAKEE, Ill. (June 16, 2022) – The City of Kankakee's Citizens Advisory Board invites their neighbors to the second of two community events called NEIGHBORFEST next Saturday, June 25th from 1pm to 4pm at Jeffers Park located at 212 W Water Street.

"Neighborfest provides a chance for residents in the City of Kankakee an opportunity to get to know one another and City officials through fellowship and fun", stated ECDA Director Barbi Brewer-Watson. "The residents who serve on the Citizens Advisory Board have been passionate about finding a fun way to connect their neighbors with each other in the hopes of building good will, friendship, and pride for their community. Neighborfest is presented by them in this spirit."

Attendees to Neighborfest next Saturday will enjoy the following activities:

- A bag tournament with the winning team receiving a one-hour Axe Throwing Experience for two people at Splitting Targets in Kankakee
- Mi Casa food truck
- La Delicia Ice Cream
- A bounce house provided by Bounce with Us
- Face painting provided by Kankakee Forgives
- Music from DJ Hayli Martenez from Haylibug Lemonadez
- Touch a Truck featuring the Kankakee Fire Department's new Engine #5
- An opportunity to tour a Kankakee Police Department cruiser
- Giveaways/prizes including two bicycles from Project Re:Cycle
- An opportunity to register to vote or update your voter registration at the NAACP voter registration table

Citizens Advisory Board member Ben Clark states, "The first Neighborfest was a great event. We are excited to host it again. Neighborfest is another great opportunity for people to come out meet new people in their neighborhood, have some good food, and fun. There is truly something to do for the whole family."

His fellow CAB member and event organizer Steven Bukowski adds, "These summer events introduce great services offered by the City of Kankakee. You can join in with family, friends and neighbors to enjoy food, games and music, while learning how to make your life a little better. Even if you can only use one service, it can make a difference in the way you live."

For more information please contact ECDA Community Outreach Coordinator Samantha Rocknowski at 815-933-0513 or skrocknowski@citykankakee-il.gov.

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About the Citizens Advisory Board

The Citizen's Advisory board meets every other month and assists the City of Kankakee's Economic and Community Development Agency in assessing community needs, helping to create solutions and finding resources to help meet those needs. They also serve on committees to help ECDA with program development, public service allocations, and community outreach efforts. To volunteer on this board please apply by visiting the City of Kankakee's website at www.citykankakee-il.gov or by calling ECDA at 815.933.0506.

About the Economic and Community Development Agency (ECDA):

The Kankakee Economic and Community Development Agency (ECDA) is a local government agency whose mission is to improve the lives of Kankakee residents and enhance the economic vitality of communities through housing, economic development and community development. The ECDA administers programs that serve the neighborhoods and residents of the City of Kankakee provided by federal, state and local funding. For more information, contact ECDA at 815-933-0506, Monday – Friday between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit our website at <https://ecda.citykankakee-il.gov/>.

About the City of Kankakee, Illinois:

The City of Kankakee is dedicated to protecting, building and nurturing the community while enhancing lives. We are a historic, vibrant and active riverfront community. We continue to transform into an extraordinary place to dream, grow and thrive. Embracing our diversity, we strive to be progressive, inclusive and innovative. For more information on the City of Kankakee, please visit the website at www.citykankakee-il.gov.